

REMARKS

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested upon entry of the foregoing amendments.

Claim Status

After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 3-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 14-22 are pending in this application, of which claims 5 and 9 are independent in form. Claims are 3-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 14-17 amended herein; claims 1, 2, 6, 10, and 13 are canceled herein; and claims 19-22 are added herein. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith, which discloses a Japanese Office Action dated August 12, 2005 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-195787 and three references cited therein.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2001-346218 discloses that a white balance processing unit using a LUT, a color conversion processing using a color conversion matrix, and a tone conversion processing using a LUT are performed in the order named.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 07-203228 discloses that a masking coefficient, which is stored in a LUT, is selected on the basis of a color temperature obtained from an image signal read by an image reading apparatus, such as a scanner.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2002-152541 discloses a two dimensional LUT in which correction data, which is used for independently correcting a luminance and a hue for color difference signals Cb and Cr, is stored.

These documents do not disclose or suggest the features of the claimed invention. For example, these documents do not disclose or suggest that the image processing section performs a white balance processing, a matrix arithmetic processing, and three dimensional lookup table arithmetic processing, in the order named.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims as herein presented are allowable and that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

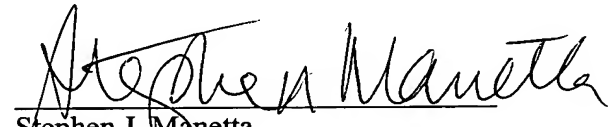
Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessary for the submission of this Preliminary Amendment or concurrently filed IDS.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this or the parent application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5078.

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